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SUBJECT: CHILE DEBT RESCHEDULING

REF: A) STATE 79761; B) BONN 5503; C) SANTIAGO 2096

1. ECONCOM MINISTER CONTACTED FONOFF ASSTSEC HERMES AND URGED THAT FRG APPROACH MCNAMARA ON MATTER OF IBRD LOAN TO CHILE. HERMES' RESPONSE WAS THAT HE SAW NO JUSTIFICATION FOR MCNAMARA'S ORIGINAL WITHDRAWAL OF LOAN RECOMMENDATION FROM BANK BOARD AND FEELS THAT IT IS FOR MCNAMARA TO RESUBMIT MATTER TO BOARD. FRG IS NOT INCLINED TO UNDERTAKE SUGGESTED INITIATIVE AT BANK, HERMES SAID, BUT SHOULD MCNAMARA RESUBMIT, FRG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT IBRD WILL HAVE NO PROBLEM IN SUPPORTING PROPOSAL.

2. REGARDING THE DEBT RESCHEDULING MATTER AND THE RECENT RECRIMINATIONS BETWEEN CDU AND SPD POLITICIANS (WITH THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN THE MIDDLE), HERMES REMARKED THAT HE WOULD NOT WISH TO CONCEAL FROM US THE FACT THAT A NUMBER OF FRG CABINET MINISTERS WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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"NOT UNHAPPY" WITH THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE PARIS CLUB

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3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO US THAT IT WOULD BE MORE HELPFUL TO CHILE'S OWN CASE -- BOTH FROM THE STANDPOINT OF FRG GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR THE RESCHEDULING EXERCISE AND THE NOW POLITICALLY CONTROVERSIAL QUESTION OF AN FRG AID COMMITMENT TO CHILE (PARA 4 OF REFTEL B) -- IF THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN BONN WERE TO AVOID GETTING ITSELF INTO THE MIDDLE OF THIS CDU-SPD POLITICAL FRAY. END COMMENT.

4. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF ON APRIL 9, FRG FONOFF CHILEAN DESK OFFICER PLAYED DOWN NOTION THAT A CRISIS MIGHT BE BREWING IN FRG-CHILEAN RELATIONS (REFTEL C) AS A RESULT OF MATTHOEFER'S STATEMENTS.

5. STATING THAT THE FRG FONOFF LAST RECEIVED A

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TELEGRAM ON THIS SUBJECT FROM ITS EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO

ON APRIL 5, OUR CONTACT SAID THAT WHILE MATTHOEFER'S REMARKS MIGHT BE "AWKWARD" FOR FRG-CHILEAN RELATIONS, THEY HAD NOT PRODUCED UNMANAGEABLE WAVES.

6. OUR CONTACT ADDED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTHOEFER INCIDENT WITH THE CHILEAN CHARGE LAST EVENING (APRIL 8). THE CHARGE TOLD HIM THAT THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN BONN HAD YET TO "RECEIVE A SINGLE LINE" FROM THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY RE MATTHOEFER'S REMARKS.

7. COMMENT: THRUST OF OUR CONTACT'S REMARKS WAS THAT FRG AT PRESENT ATTACHES NO SENSE OF URGENCY TO FRG-CHILEAN RELATIONS; HE EMPHASIZED THAT MATTHOEFER, WHILE A MINISTER, WAS NOT THE FONMIN. THIS POINT, AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT MATTHOEFER SPEAKS FOR A LIMITED SEGMENT OF OPINION WITHIN THE SPD, HAD BEEN DRIVEN HOME TO THE CHILEANS IN BONN. NEVERTHELESS, FRG PRESS COVERAGE OF THIS ISSUE (MANY FRG NEWSPAPERS
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CONTINUE TO CARRY PAGE TWO STORIES ON APRIL 9) ARE INDICATIVE OF THE FACT THAT THE FRG, THE STUDIED COOLNESS OF THE FONOFF NOTWITHSTANDING, WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THE MATTHOEFER FLAP.
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